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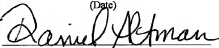
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Daniel E. Altman, Reg. No. 34,115**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 17, 2007****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.